



Blueblossom Ceanothus

Ceanothus thyrsiflorus

Height: 14 feet

Spread: 14 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Blue Blossom Ceanothus, Blue Brush

Description:

A dense growing shrub with dark green glossy foliage; beautiful powder blue flower clusters add color in the spring; perfect for screening and spring color along borders; needs weekly watering, or more often in extreme heat

Ornamental Features

Blueblossom Ceanothus is bathed in stunning cymes of lightly-scented powder blue star-shaped flowers along the branches from mid to late spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Blueblossom Ceanothus is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;



Blueblossom Ceanothus flowers
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Blueblossom Ceanothus in bloom
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Blueblossom Ceanothus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Blueblossom Ceanothus will grow to be about 14 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.



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